

REMARKS

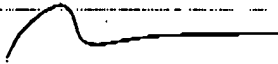
In the Restriction Requirement dated April 10 2008, the Examiner restricted the claims of the invention to seven Groups: Group I which included claims 1 and 2, Group II which included claims 3-9, Group III which included claims 10-16, Group IV which included claims 17 and 18, Group V which included claims 19 and 20, Group VI which included claims 21-24, and Group VII which included claims 25 and 26. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group V, claims 19 and 20, drawn to a method of improving liver regeneration, with traverse.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully urge that all claims are in condition for allowance and request prompt and favorable action on the instant application. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview with the undersigned would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (301) 952-1011.

Respectfully submitted,

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